

Jerusalem Council Sits Late To Approve IL12m. Budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Jerusalem Municipality was due early this morning to approve a IL-3254-263 budget for the 1984/85

The budget provides for a 10 per cent increase in the

Emergency Tax.
All the coalition parties.

Mayor Abbot Haavola, Progressive, supported the budget proposals with Abbot Haavola declaring that it was doing so only in order to preserve the coalition although it really opposed the higher rates.

In presenting the budget proposals, Mayor Gershon Aaron noted that the annual higher rates are unable to provide for the city's proper development. He added that there was no justification for the Emergency Tax which is incorporated in the ordinary budget.

Religious Council Check

For Mayor, Mr. M. Zar demanded that the Council do

rate increase was among the most modest in the country. There are good prospects for a substantial Government loan which is still necessary for the capital's development. While the 1956-57 budget could be termed one of emergency, and the following

one of stand-still pending a turning-point in the growth of the city.

Describing some of the outgoing year's achievements, the Mayor said that IL-5.m. had been spent on commis-

ing various schools; the new reservoir at Bayit veGan had cost IL1.5m. and extension of the central drainage system, IL450,000.

He revealed that, among other major construction projects, progress is being speed-

ed up on Mamah Park with the help of a \$10,060 gift from South African Jews and that another storey is to be added to the Bikur Holim hospital.

year) include IL\$ 610,000 (IL\$ 628,150) from the general rates, arrears, and IL\$ 625,000 (IL\$ 635,000) from various taxes, mainly on entertainment. The sum of IL\$ 219,950 (IL\$ 1,352,000) is expected in Government grants.

cent for the expenditure on education; 14 per cent for sanitation; 11 per cent for welfare and 8.5 per cent for administration. A loss of IL103,000 is expected on water supply. The income is estimated at IL1,596,550, but

Opening for the opposition, Dr. A. Altman (Herut) strongly attacked the Government and the Jewish Agency for neglecting the Capital.

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